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## DODD AND CIA IN CONTACT

### Helms' Letter Mentions Trip To West Germany In '64

Washington, July 26 (AP)—The Senate Ethics Committee made public tonight a letter from Richard Helms, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, saying Senator Dodd (D., Conn.) had been in contact with the CIA before and after a controversial trip to West Germany in 1964.

The purpose of Dodd's six-day trip was a key issue in the committee's recent hearings on Dodd's relations with Julius Klein, Chicago public relations man and registered agent for West German business interests.

The hearings marked the first phase of the bipartisan committee's investigation of misconduct charges against the Senator.

#### Received From CIA

Senator Stennis (D., Miss.), the committee chairman, said in a statement making Helms's letter public that it was "handed to me by a representative of the CIA who stated that it was in response to inquiries made by Senator Dodd."

Earlier when newsmen asked Dodd if he had asked for the CIA letter, his answer was "no."

Helms, who only recently took over direction of the secret intelligence agency, wrote in his July 14 letter to Stennis that Dodd "has asked that this agency confirm the fact of his contacts with this agency in obtaining information on Soviet murders, assassinations and kidnaps."

#### Information Given

"I am pleased to provide this information for such use and consideration as the Select Committee may deem appropriate," Helms said.

Dodd testified at the committee's hearings that the purpose of his trip to West Germany in April, 1964, was to investigate the Soviet terror apparatus for the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, of which he is vice chairman.

In the following year the subcommittee published a study entitled "Murder International Inc."

#### Contacted Agency

"Senator Dodd and his assistant, David Martin, were in contact with representatives of this agency intermittently both before and after the Senator's trip to Germany in April of 1964 in an effort to obtain as much information on the subject as could be made public at that time," Helms said in his letter.

Klein told the ethics committee that when he learned Dodd was going to Germany, he encouraged him to make the trip and to help clear up "distortions" in the German press about a 1963 Senate investigation of foreign agents.